

County Clerk Connection

1st Quarter 2009



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Introducing the New Deputy Commissioner



Rick Taylor has been appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Vehicle Regulation. Rick will also serve as the Acting Director of the Division of Motor Carriers. He has 16 years of state service, 12 within the Division of Motor Carriers. Rick held various managerial positions where he served on the Motor Carrier Advisory Committee, the Manufactured Housing Board, the NORPASS Board, served as Kentucky's IFTA Commissioner, IRP voting member, SASHTO Multi State Permit member, and on Kentucky's CVISN team since 1996.

Rick graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BBA. He and his wife Tiphane live in Frankfort with their three sons Tre (7), Ty (3), and Coen (6 months).

***** Our Mission: *****

To provide you with a quarterly newsletter that presents articles for your review and enjoyment. To serve as a sounding board for you to discuss issues that challenge or trouble you. To invoke thought and encourage your input for future articles.





Kentucky Farm Plate

Out with the old plate....

The original farm plate was unveiled by Gov. Paul Patton in 1999. Ten years later, a new design has been chosen. During the ten year cycle, there were more than 225,000 farm plates issued in Kentucky, a testament to the popularity and appeal of the farm plate.



In with the new plate...

It is hoped that the new design will be as popular as the original. The new plate was co-designed by the Transportation Cabinet's Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing, Graphic Design & Printing and the Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Richie Farmer. The goal was to keep the FFA and 4H aspect of the farm plates as well as include the Kentucky Proud logo.





Spotlight: County Clerks

Michael Kem ~ Christian County Clerk



Michael "Mike" Kem is in his third term as Christian County Clerk. He took office in January 1999, after five years as a magistrate. He serves as second vice president of the Kentucky County Clerks' Association. Mike is a 1967 graduate of Hopkinsville High School. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from the University of Kentucky.

Mike has worked as a certified public accountant for more than 20 years and is a part-owner of Kem Duguid & Associates, a Hopkinsville CPA firm.

Mike and his wife of 37 years, Vivian, have a son Matthew and a daughter Natalie and a grandson, Andrew.

Mike's hobbies are golf and music. Mike sings and plays trumpet with the "Disciples of Sound" a sixty's rock group, which last played the convention center at Lake Barkley's New Year's Eve bash.

Staff at Christian County Clerk's Office



KENTUCKY COUNTY CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

2008-2009



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Eva Miller ~ Casey County Clerk

Casey County Clerk, Eva S. Miller, was born and raised in Casey County. She comes from a long line of public servants. Her grandfather, Herman F. Lucas, was born in 1898 and was a surveyor. The homestead he lived on was part of the land patented by Abraham Lincoln's grandfather. Abraham Lincoln was also a surveyor. Eva's parents, Raymond L. and Ruth L. Smith, both served as public officials. Her husband, Dwight E. Miller, has served his country with a tour in the Gulf War and then in Iraq. Her son, Brandon Wood, is a doctor in Versailles and lives there with his wife, Amy and daughter, Laura.



Eva attended school in Casey County and worked seasonally in the local dime store. She worked at Liberty Sportswear, which she felt didn't offer a venue to help the public. She then worked for, and later managed a doctor's office in Whitley County. She had aspirations in the medical field but life led her a different way.

Eva became a deputy clerk in Casey County in December 1980, and served until she ran for office in 1993. Since becoming clerk in 1994, she has taken the opportunity to improve facets of the clerk's office in order to make it more efficient. All of the documents in her office are electronically indexed. The current documents are scanned and as time allows, all of the previous records will be added in that format.

"I have been so honored and blessed to have been the clerk in Casey County. I have been so enriched by serving the people. I have received so much more than my service given to them. I have such heartfelt gratitude to the people of Casey County for allowing me to serve them! As clerk you find that your staff is your best asset. Their dedication to their jobs enables the citizens to enjoy service that seems effortless. Staff that truly has an interest in their jobs makes a big difference. This is one of the best places to live on earth!"

Eva attends the First Baptist Church in Liberty and has served her community through several community organizations. She has served on a foster care board for 22 years. Her special interest is her granddaughter, Laura. They both love horses. At the age of 5, Laura already has a collection of blue ribbons, a gold medal and other placement ribbons for riding in shows.

"God has truly blessed my life," Miller said.



H.A.V.E. NEWS

The Help a Veteran Everyday or H.A.V.E. program of the Kentucky County Clerk's Association has been busy the last quarter of the year trying to make the quality of life better for Kentucky Veterans across the state.

In November, at our annual fall conference, the association sponsored an auction to raise money for the Veterans Programs Trust Fund. The event was very successful, thanks to all the people who contributed items for auction and all the bidders who had a lot of fun that night, raising over \$7800 dollars for the trust fund.

In September, a group of clerks in the eastern part of our state put together a golf scramble to fund our "make a Christmas" for the residents of the East Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard. This event was also successful, raising over twenty-five thousand dollars. We plan on making this an annual event and hope to make it an even bigger event next year.

Letcher County Clerk, Winston Meade, was named H.A.V.E. Clerk of the Year for his efforts in putting together the golf scramble.

On December 19th our group of clerks in the eastern part of the state visited the residents of the Hazard Center, providing gifts, fruit, food, music and other entertainment for the residents as part of our "Make a Christmas" effort. We also donated several hundred dollars worth of therapeutic equipment to the Veterans Center.



We would like to thank all of the clerk's who have given so much of their time and effort to make this program on the 19th so successful. Perry County Clerk, Haven King and staff; Letcher County Clerk, Winston Meade and staff, Breathitt County Clerk, Tony Watts and staff, Pulaski County Clerk, Ralph Troxtell and staff, and Leslie County Clerk, James Lewis and staff, as well as Joe Bolton for

all his help and especially the caps which the veterans all loved. We would also like to thank the other clerks in our region who have contributed over the year to make all this happen: Clay County Clerk, Freddie Thompson, Laurel County Clerk, Dean Johnson, Harlan County Clerk, Wanda Clem, Knott County Clerk, Ken Gayheart, Lee County Clerk, Russell Stamper, Floyd County Clerk, Chris Waugh, Jackson County Clerk, Donald "Duck" Moore and many others across the state who have been so supportive of our efforts.



Kentucky Coal Plate

The Kentucky Coal Plate will be available to the public in February. The initial cost of the plate is \$44 and the renewal fee will be \$31.

Kathy Nauert retires from the Jefferson County Clerk's office

In May 1984 Kathy Nauert, on the advice of her father, started her career with the Jefferson County Clerk's Office. She wanted to become a nurse, but her dad said she needed to find something with a good retirement.

In the years since, she has been a significant asset in many different areas of the clerk's office. She worked up through the ranks during several administrations. Kathy began as a motor vehicle clerk at the downtown location in the administration of Clerk, Bremer Ehrler, and then became chief cashier for Clerk, Jim "Pop" Malone. During Rebecca Jackson's term she was promoted to manager of the Finance Department and was also the manager of the Logistics Department for a short time. While working with Clerk, Bobbie Holsclaw, she was promoted to assistant director of finance and in 2007 was appointed director of finance.



Kathy has touched many different people in and outside of the office. Because of her extensive knowledge and experience, she was routinely called upon to assist the Frankfort staff with projects.

Kathy and her husband, Joe will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year. They have three sons; Joey, who attends Jefferson Community College; Jared, who attends Desales High School and Jordan, who attends Notre Dame.

Anyone who has met Kathy quickly finds that she loves people, enjoys helping and making sure everything runs smoothly. The Jefferson County Clerk's Office Family will truly miss her and wishes her the best.

Motor Vehicle Licensing December 2008 retirees

Rick Woodside, a 27-year state government veteran, and a tremendous asset to the MVL division, retired December 31, 2008. Rick will be missed in the division.

Rick loves to fish and play golf. He and his wife attend Grafenburg Church where he is a deacon.

Good luck and best wishes to Rick!

**Rick Woodside ~ Supervisor
of the Help Desk Section**



Wanda Batenic, a longtime employee of Motor Vehicle Licensing, retired December 31, 2008 with 25 years of service to the division.

Wanda lives in Frankfort with her husband, David. She has four sons, Huey, David, Danny and Roy, and several grandchildren.

Her hard work & dedication will be missed.



**Wanda Batenic
Administrative Specialist III
in The Verification Section**

Anna M. Clay, our biggest University of Louisville fan, retired December 31, 2008. Anna retired with 25 years and two months of service, time mostly spent in the MVL division. Anna lives in Lexington and has a son, Matthew, who lives in Texas.

Anna will be greatly missed, and we wish her many happy years of retirement.



**Anna Clay
Administrative Specialist III
in the Verification Section**

QUICK CALL LIST

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING

Willie Payton, Director

Godwin Onodu, Assistant Director

Help Desk/Vehicle Regulations

Cathy Bickers	502-564-5301
Judith Shaw	502-564-5301
Will Kinnaird	502-564-5301
Angela Atha	502-564-5301
Josh Wade	502-564-5301

Help Desk/NMVTIS

Gary Semones	502-564-2737
Andy Sanders	502-564-2737
Krissie Brown	502-564-2737

Archived/Records

Vickie Woolums	502-564-2737
Corey Risk	502-564-2737
Lisa Traylor	502-564-2737

AVIS Enhancements/Point of Sales

Pam Duncan	502-564-5301
Willie Payton	502-564-5301
Cathy Bickers	502-564-5301
Charla Masters	502-564-5301

Boats

Denise Mathus	502-564-2737
Donna Smith	502-564-2737
Melissa Crews	502-564-2737

Brand In Error

Denise Mathus	502-564-2737
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Certified Inspections

Denise Mathus	502-564-2737
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Copies of Microfilm/Title History

Search/Verify Liens for lien holders

Alicia Morgan	502-564-2737
Jenny Wilson	502-564-2737
Teresa Hall	502-564-2737



Corrections/General

Rejections/Reactivate

Janice Jones	502-564-2737
Lori Mason	502-564-2737
Alicia Morgan	502-564-2737

Correction within a reporting week

James Westbay	502-564-5301
Kathy Price/Anja Bibb	502-564-5301

Court Orders/ Foreign Titles & Trust

Gary Semones	502-564-2737
Krissie Brown	502-564-2737
Denise Mathus	502-564-2737

DUI/INSURANCE

Jeff Atha	502-564-5301
Tonya Davis	502-564-5301
Kathy Price	502-564-5301

Forms

James Westbay	502-564-5301
Tonya Davis	502-564-5301
Kathy Price	502-564-5301
Stuart Reagan	502-564-5301
Brian Terrell	502-564-5301
Dan Ballard	502-564-5301
Justin Carmack	502-564-5301

Inspections Only

Julie Walker	502-564-2737
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Inventory

Stuart Reagan	502-564-5301
Brian Terrell	502-564-5301
Justin Carmack	502-564-5301
Dan Ballard	502-564-5301
Cathy Bickers	502-564-5301
Angela Atha	502-564-5301



NCIC

Julie Walker	502-564-2737
Denise Mathus	502-564-2737
Gary Semones	502-564-2737
Terri Dees	502-564-2850

NMVTIS Overrides Out of State Titles/Plate Reg.

Cathy Bickers	502-564-5301
Judith Shaw	502-564-5301
Angela Atha	502-564-5301
Will Kinnaird	502-564-5301
Josh Wade	502-564-5301

Odom. Corrections/Code 13 Not actual Miles & Exceeds

Andy Sanders	502-564-2737
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Reactivating Junked Titles

Janice Jones	502-564-2737
Connie Hill	502-564-2737
Lori Mason	502-564-2737

Rebuilt Section/Letters of Authorization**(Walk in & Mail) General Information****Vin Plate Removal & Application)**

Terri Dees	502-564-2850
Jennifer Whitehouse	502-564-2850
Melisa Sams	502-564-2850
Adrienne Perkins	502-564-2850
Dan Ballard	502-564-5301

Receiving Needing paper work/Return**App./Transmittals /missing batch applications**

Fannie Haney	502-564-2737
Linda Forbes	502-564-2737

Refunds/(A)Automobile/(T)Trucks

Tonya Davis	(A)502-564-5301
Stuart Reagan (T)	502-564-5301
James Westbay	(A)502-564-5301

Return Titles

Alicia Morgan	502-564-2737
Jenny Wilson	502-564-2737
Teresa Hall	502-564-2737
Lisa Traylor	502-564-2737

Status Calls/General Information

Melissa Crews	502-564-2737
Julie Walker	502-564-2737
Janice Jones	502-564-2737
Lori Mason	502-564-2737
Tony Momenpour	502-564-2737
Denise Mathus	502-564-2737
Gary Semones	502-564-2737
Donna Smith	502-564-2737
Alicia Morgan	502-564-2737
Linda Forbes	502-564-2737
Gloria Brown	502-564-2737

Stolen Vehicles

Todd Haydon	502-564-2737
Lisa Traylor	502-564-2737

Surrendered Titles to Other States

Donna Smith	502-564-2737
Vickie Poe	502-564-2737

Tow & Storage/Creditor in Possession

Krissie Brown	502-564-2737
Gary Semones	502-564-2737

VIN Corrections

Julie Walker	502-564-2737
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Weekly & Expired Inventory Reports

Kathy Price	502-564-5301
James Westbay	502-564-5301

Fax #

Directors	502-564-1841
Corrections	502-564-1686
DUI	502-564-1841
Rebuilt	502-564-0471
Titles	502-564-0471
Registration	502-564-9314
Receiving	502-564-1686

Snapshots from the County Clerks Conference

November 16-19, 2008

Lexington, KY



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November 16-19, 2008

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Winter Driving Tips

If you must be on the road, use the **Four P's of Safe Winter Driving**. Road crews do their best to ensure roads are in the best possible condition, however, you must change your driving behavior during the winter months. It will help make your trip safer and help you deal with an emergency if necessary.

Prepare Your Vehicle

- ▶ **Check tire tread.** Insert a Lincoln penny into the tread of each tire. If you can see the entire top of his head, your tread is less than one-sixteenth of an inch deep and should be replaced.
- ▶ **Check air pressure.** Make sure each tire is filled to the suggested PSI (pounds per square inch) of air, which is listed in your owner's manual and on a label inside the driver's door. Check when tires are "cold"-meaning they haven't been driven on for at least three hours.
- ▶ **Check fluid levels and heat.** Put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir and check your antifreeze, oil, brake, and power steering fluid. Check the exhaust system and defrosters.
- ▶ **Assemble a disaster supply kit.** Include a first-aid kit, shovel, ice scraper, flashlight and batteries, sand or cat litter, blankets, candles and matches, bottled water, and snacks.
- ▶ **Clean your vehicle.** Remove snow, ice, or frost from all headlights, taillights, mirrors and windows before you start to drive.

Plan Your Travel

- ▶ **Check weather and road conditions.** Call **511** if in Kentucky or 1-866-737-3767 if calling from out-of-state. Information can also be found at <http://511.ky.gov>. Conditions are described in the following manner:



- **Wet Pavement:** The roadway is wet. Ice could form as temperatures drop.
- **Partly Covered:** The roadway is partly covered with snow, ice, or slush. Road markings may be obscured.
- **Mostly Covered:** The roadway is mostly covered with snow, ice, or slush. Road markings may be difficult to see because of packed snow and rutting conditions.
- **Completely Covered:** The roadway is completely covered with snow, ice, or slush and markings are obscured.
- **Impassable:** Roadway conditions are not suitable for travel unless required by an emergency.

Prevent Crashes

- ▶ **Drive carefully.** Allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely. Always leave enough room between you and the car in front of you because stopping in snow may require up to four times your normal stopping distance. Do not use cruise control.
- ▶ **Be seen.** Dull, cloudy days will cut down on visibility so drive using low-beam headlights.
- ▶ **Know your brakes.** If you have anti-lock brakes, apply firm pressure. If you have non anti-lock brakes, use "threshold braking" meaning apply firm pressure until you feel the brakes ready to lock. Let up, then reapply pressure.
- ▶ **Steer into the skid.** Stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go.
- ▶ **Practice driving.** During daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.

Protect Yourself In An Emergency

Kentucky has a Quick Clearance Law (KRS 189.580) meaning:

If you are involved in a crash:

- If no one is visibly injured, move your vehicle to the shoulder or off the interstate or parkway
- Call police
- Exchange information

If you have a disabled vehicle:

- Move vehicle off the roadway if possible and stay in the vehicle
- Turn on emergency flashers
- Tie something white or bright to your antenna or window, or raise hood, to request aid
- If unable to move the vehicle from the roadway, stand away from the vehicle. Keep arms and legs moving to keep warm.



To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning if stuck in snow, keep the exhaust pipe clear. Run your vehicle with the windows partially down and use the heater for 10 minutes per hour.

For police assistance call 1-800-222-5555.

Need Help? The SAFE Patrol Is On It's Way!

The SAFE (Safety Assistance for Freeway Emergencies) Patrol is operated on Kentucky Interstates and Parkways seven days a week.



To aid motorists, SAFE Patrol operators may provide gasoline, oil, add air to tires or change flat tires, provide a "jump" for dead batteries, and if necessary push vehicles off the roadway. Drivers also work to prevent traffic crashes by removing debris from the roadway and tagging abandoned cars. At the scene of a crash, drivers are trained in traffic flagging to assist in traffic management.

To request SAFE Patrol call 1-877-FOR-KYTC (1-877-367-5982).

See A Road Hazard? Report It!

You can now directly inform the Transportation Cabinet of highway hazards in your area. Call the Highway Hazard Hotline with the location of the problem, name or number of the state highway, and either a mile-point or landmark. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week by Transportation Cabinet personnel and is available throughout the year.

Call the Highway Hazard Hotline at 1-877-FOR-KYTC (1-877-367-5982).

How To Share The Road With Snow Plows

- ▶ Be patient and don't pass the plow. If it's safe, the plow will pull over and let you pass.
- ▶ Be aware. A snow plow may create snow clouds which causes zero visibility.
- ▶ Stay back. Give the plow room to work. It tends to speed up and slow down.

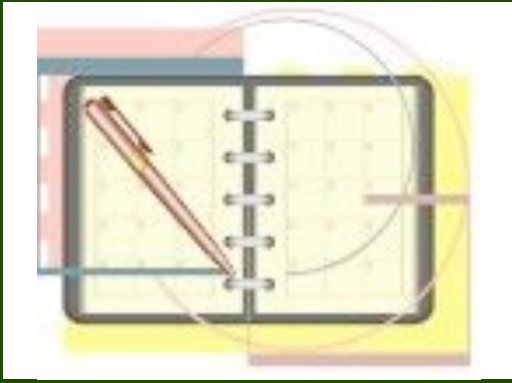


The most heavily traveled roadways in Kentucky are the first priorities during snow removal.

For a snow removal priority map visit the Transportation Cabinet's website at:

http://transportation.ky.gov/Maintenance/Snow_Ice.htm

UPCOMING DATES



January 23 ~ KCCA Legislative Committee and training at Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington.

February 11 ~ KCCA Legislative Committee and training at Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington.

February 12 ~ County Officials, (KACo), Legislative Reception at Frankfort Civic Center.

March 12 ~ Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington.

June 14-17 ~ KCCA Spring Conference at Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington.

For information about meetings and conferences, please contact Bill May at 502-227-2922, or kcca@dcrr.net



Kentucky Lifesavers Conference

April 27 - 29, 2009

Louisville Marriott Downtown

Louisville

<http://lifesavers.ky.gov>

F.Y.I.

The Warehouse for MVL has moved from LaGrange, to Frankfort, KY. With the new move underway, we wanted to inform you of the new mailing address, phone and fax numbers.

If you have any correspondence please reply to:

1239 Wilkinson Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

Bonnie Estes can be reached at:

FAX # ~ 502-564-1870

Phone # ~ 502-564-1868, 564-1869



January 12 ~ Connie Hill ~ Supervisor of
Records Management Section

January 22 ~ Shirley Givens ~ Butler
County Clerk

February 27 ~ Jeanette Walker ~
Supervisor of Receiving Section

*If you would like to have your birthday in the
newsletter, please mail or email your information
to the address on the back page.*

HELPFUL WEB SITES & 800 NUMBERS

Vehicle Titles

1-800-244-9036

<http://mvl.ky.gov>

Vehicle Registration

1-800-244-9410

<http://mvl.ky.gov/requirementpage.jsp>

Government & Community Services

1-888-567-1373

<http://kycares.ky.gov>

Tomato Basil Soup

1 Stick of Butter
1 sweet onion chopped ~ sauté
for 10 minutes
1 clove of garlic
1/4 1/2 cup flour ~ add gradually
1/3 cup of Chicken Base
12 oz. Tomato Paste
8 cups water
1/2 cup Heavy whipping Cream
Basil

Melt butter; add chopped onion and garlic, sauté
for 10 minutes, gradually add flour, chicken base, tomato
paste, water, heavy whipping cream and basil. Stir over
medium heat.



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Wants your feedback.

Email us your thoughts & suggestions!

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